

Spartans men’s basketball loses game at Transylvania



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Bryant Smith, from West Lafayette and Harrison High School, scored in double figures, finishing with 10 points.

Manchester will travel to Franklin College on Saturday

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men’s basketball team fell on the road in Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) play at Transylvania University by a final score of 85-64 on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

The host Pioneers used a 12-3 spurt to close the opening half and a 16-9 run to begin the second period to build a double-digit advantage over the Spartans. Manchester was able to whittle its deficit back to single digits midway

through the second frame, however, another 16-8 run by the Pioneers would put the game out of reach.

Transylvania was efficient on offense in Wednesday’s contest, shooting 53 percent (35-66) from the field. Transylvania scored 46 points in the paint and got 31 points from its bench. The Pioneers also held a 44-25 rebounding advantage over the Spartans.

Manchester was held to 41.7 percent (25-60) shooting on Wednesday afternoon. The Spartans made 10 three-pointers, finishing 10-of-26 (38.5 percent) from deep.

Brandon Christlieb, from Ashley and Prairie Heights High School, led Manchester with 20 points. CJ Hampton,

from Hammond, added 11 points, seven rebounds, five assists, three steals and two blocked shots. Bryant Smith, from West Lafayette and Harrison High School, also scored in double figures, finishing with 10 points.

Simon Smith led the Pioneers with 17 points. Jaylan Green added 15 points while Hunter Penn contributed a double-double of 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Manchester (7-11, 6-5 HCAC) will travel to Franklin College on Saturday, Jan. 29 for a 3 p.m. matchup with the Grizzlies.

Transylvania (9-7, 4-5 HCAC) will host Bluffton at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

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Manchester women’s basketball hangs tough at No. 3 Transylvania

Spartans are on the road for their next game on Saturday at Franklin College

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University women’s basketball team put up a good fight on the road at nationally-ranked and unbeaten Transylvania University on Wednesday afternoon.

The Spartans held the third-ranked Pioneers to their lowest point total of the season in a 64-36 mid-week setback. Transylvania also scored 64 points against both Bluffton and Rose-Hulman in early December.

Manchester’s defense was able to slow one of the top



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offenses in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) as Transylvania was limited to just 33

percent (23-69) shooting for the game, and just 22.9 percent (8-35) shooting from beyond the three-point

arc.

First-year guard Eva Bazzoni, from Wabash and Manchester High School,

led the Spartans with 13 points. Bazzoni connected on a trio of triples. Hillery Shepherd, from Middle-

town and Shenandoah High School, added a career-high eight rebounds, while Miranda Bieghler, from Plainfield and South Putnam High School, added seven assists and six boards.

Laken Ball led Transylvania with 18 points and nine rebounds. Grace Shope added 13 points.

Manchester (7-8, 4-4 HCAC) will be on the road for its next game on Saturday, Jan. 29 when the Spartans are scheduled to play at Franklin College beginning at 1 p.m.

Transylvania (15-0, 7-0 HCAC) remained unbeaten on the season. The nationally-ranked Pioneers will host Bluffton on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.

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